REMARKS

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being anticipated by Scherpbier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,994,791) in view of Kalajan, (U.S. Patent Number 5,941,954). In light of the rejections, a review of the present invention would be instructive.

One aspect of the present invention is to provide a client for a client-server system that can be remotely accessed from any location (Page 5 lines 3-6). Another aspect of the invention is to provide a method for invoking a client that requires no special software other than a standard browser at the access location (Page 5 lines 10-12). To provide these aspects, the present invention comprises a listening program configured to be responsive to requests for remote access from the browser, establish direct communications with the browser, and invoke a client agent for communicating with the browser and a server machine (claim 1). A key aspect of the present invention is that the user or system administrator is able to remotely invoke the application as if he/she were positioned at the client. Figures 7 and 8 highlight the utility of the present invention in that multiple clients may be accessed from a single location.
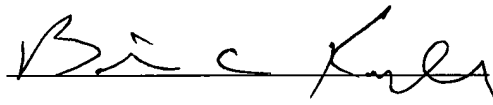
Applicants assert that the Scherpbier and Kalajan references do not reveal such functionality either singly or in combination, nor the configuration whereby the present invention attains such functionality. Neither Scherpbier nor Kalajan appear to be focused on remote access to, and invocation of, an application (such as storage management) on a client machine – the subject matter of the present invention. The disclosure of Scherpbier relates to co-browsing, which implies that a user is present at the client machine as an interactive co-pilot. The disclosure of Kalajan relates to redirection of messages from an application to a network resource.

Applicants see little relation between the presently claimed invention and the disclosures of Kalajan and Sherpbier. Although Kalajan does disclose an application that listens on a port, the

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therewith" as cited in claim 1. Applicants also assert that the Kalajan and Sherpbier references do not teach the additional limitation of the listening program being configured to "invoke a client agent for communicating with the browser and a server machine."

For the aforementioned reasons, Applicants assert that independent claims 1, 9, 16, and dependent claims 2-8, 10-15, and 17-22 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of Claims 1-22 at an early date is respectfully solicited.

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